

XXVI.—*Description of a new Gecko from the Niger Delta.*

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*Hemidactylus Ansorgii.*

Head elongate, once and three fourths as long as broad, not very distinct from neck; snout obtusely pointed, longer than the distance between the eye and the ear-opening; forehead slightly concave; ear-opening vertically oval, more than half the diameter of the eye. Body and limbs rather slender. Digits moderately elongate, free, normally formed, the inner well developed; 5 lamellæ under the pollex, 8 under the fourth finger, 6 under the hallux, 11 under the fourth toe. Head covered with very small granules, which are larger on the snout; rostral four-sided, twice as broad as deep, with median cleft above; nostril pierced between the rostral, the first upper labial, and three nasals; 11 upper and 12 lower labials; symphysial triangular, twice as long as the adjacent labials; two pairs of chin-shields, the median pair forming a suture behind the symphysial. Upper surface of body covered with minute granules intermixed with small strongly keeled tubercles, forming 8 irregular longitudinal series; ventral scales quite as large as the dorsal tubercles, imbricate, smooth. No enlarged tubercles on the limbs. A short angular series of 9 præanal pores. Tail cylindrical, slender, covered above with small granules and transverse series of subconical tubercles, beneath with large, irregular, imbricate, smooth scales. Dark brown above, with some lighter spots; whitish beneath, finely speckled with brown.

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Total length .....	115
Head .....	16
Width of head .....	9
Body .....	39
Fore limb .....	19
Hind limb .....	25
Tail .....	60

A single specimen from Sapele Station, Niger Delta; presented to the British Museum by Dr. W. J. Ansorge.

XXVII.—*The Musk-Rat of Santa Lucia (Antilles).*

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THE obvious inference that the musk-rats of the Antilles pertain to the Hesperomyiinae was first announced by the Secretary of the Zoological Society of London when registering a specimen from Santa Lucia amongst the additions